

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 2-9, 11-20, and 22-26 have been amended; claims 1, 10, and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein; and claims 27 and 28 have been added. Claims 2, 8, 9, 11, 19, 20, 22, 25, and 26 are independent. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 2-9, 11-20, and 22-28 will remain pending.

Applicants preliminarily note that many of the amendments herein merely correct grammatical inconsistencies in the claims.

#### **I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 8, 9, 19, and 20 are allowed and that claims 2, 3, 5-7, 11, 13, 17, 18, 22, 25, and 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of any base and intervening claims. Applicants have so rewritten claims 2, 11, 22, 25, and 26 and submit that these claims are now allowable. As amended, claims 3-7, 12-18, 23, and 24 respectively depend from allowable claims 2, 11, and 22 and are allowable. New claims 27 and 28 depend indirectly from allowable claim 2 and are allowable.

#### **II. Drawings**

The Office Action objected to the Drawings on various grounds. Applicants have submitted herewith replacements sheets with the following changes: (1) reference numerals 220, 21-23, 210, and 119 have been removed from Figures 2 and 11; (2) Figures 1-5 are designated with the legend "(Prior art)"; and (3) Figure 14 reads "FCS" instead of "PCS."

#### **III. Specification**

The Office Action objected to the Title. Applicants have amended the Title and submit that the objection is overcome.

#### **IV. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 4, 10, 12, 14-16, 21, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukasawa (U.S. Patent No. 4,720,829) in view of Reed (U.S. Patent No. 4,939,731). Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 10, and 21, rendering the

rejection moot with respect to these claims. Claims 4, 12, 14-16, 23, and 24 have been amended to depend from allowable independent claims. Accordingly, the rejection is overcome.

#### V. Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicants request issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of claims 2-9, 11-20, and 22-28. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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